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Between 20 and 22 December 1954, several vessels of the Soviet Navy were seen in the harbor of Windau (Ventspils). The following details were observed:

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Class	Type	Date	Time	Berth	Remarks
mine sweepers	T-301	20 December	0712	south pier of port	15 minesweepers of type T-301 were seen in the harbor; in addition, 12 submarine chasers of the KRONSTADT Class, 1 submarine, two escort vessels, and 3 speedboats were seen.
submarine chasers	KRONSTADT	20-22 December	daily	harbor	A total of 31 naval vessels was seen in the harbor: 19 submarine chasers of the KRONSTADT Class, 1 submarine, 2 boats of type T-301, 3 speedboats of the Elco, 1 houseboat, 1 large harbor tug, and 4 harbor control boats.
14 submarine chasers	KRONSTADT	20-22 December	daily	south pier	The submarine chasers were berthed in two separate groups of 10 and 4; the 10 boats flew the Soviet ensign They were fitted with two guns each fore and aft of bridge and two depth-charge throwers at the stern. The four other vessels flew the flag of the border guard service: These boats were neither armed nor fitted with depth-charge throwers.
8 or 9 speedboats	?	20-22 December	daily	south pier	The speedboats were ashore on stands and were covered, except for two boats on which work was being done. The boats were approx. 20 to 25 meters long and had one torpedo tube each on either side of the bridge. No other armament was seen.

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Class	Type	Date	Time	Berth	Remarks
2 mine-sweepers	T-301	20-22 December	daily	south pier	
minesweeper (?)	?	20-22 December	daily	south pier	Length approx. 70-85 meters, 2 smokestacks; one gun mount each fore and aft, sheer in deck, at trailing edge of bridge, a superstructure with r/f set.

Comment. The following ships may have actually been berthed in Ventspils between 20 and 22 December 1954: approximately 14 submarine chasers of the KRONSTADT Class, two T-301 mine-sweepers, one minesweeper of the POLUKHIN Class, one submarine, and several speedboats.